

33. (currently amended) A strip coating installation as in claim 32, wherein the coating roller has an end face that faces towards the closing plate, in front of which end face is positioned a fixed ring sector which encloses the lower end of the supporting element for the coating roller around part of a of the circumference thereof.

34. (currently amended) A strip coating installation as in claim 22, wherein the coating roller is surrounded at ~~its~~ ends thereof, inside ~~the~~ chamber sections), by strip-shaped screens that are curved cylindrically and coaxially, which screens enclose ~~the~~ said ends with narrow gaps and shield the coating roller from being coated on ~~its~~ surfaces thereof that are not covered by the strip.

35. (currently amended) A strip coating installation as in claim 34, wherein a screen ~~is a the front screen~~ having ~~has~~ an elastomeric sealing edge against which the closing plate can be brought to rest when the vacuum chamber is closed.

36. (currently amended) A strip coating installation as in claim 34, having a wherein ~~the~~ ring sector extends over the circumference as far as its end edges inside the front screen.

37. (currently amended) A strip coating installation as in claim 22, wherein an the overall height of the installation, measured from the surface on which it is mounted, is a maximum of 2.5 meters.

38. (currently amended) A strip coating installation as in claim 22, wherein the vacuum chamber has, on each of ~~the~~ two sides of the coating roller, a side chamber, wherein in ~~chamber, in each of the side chambers~~ which are positioned a winding spindle for an off-winding roller and a take-up roller respectively, and accompanying guide rollers for a for the strip.